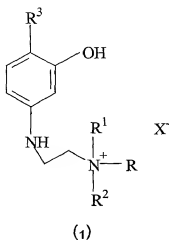


ABSTRACT

Couplers for hair coloring compositions for oxidative dyeing of hair are compounds of formula (1):



wherein X is selected from halogen; R³ is selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₂ alkyl and hydroxyethyl; and R, R¹ and R² are each independently selected from C₁ to C₂₂ alkyl or C₁ to C₂₂ mono or dialkyl groups, or two of R, R¹ and R² together with the the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a C₃ to C₆ cycloaliphatic or a C₃ to C₁₄ aromatic group, the cycloaliphatic or aromatic group optionally containing in their rings one or more hetero atoms selected from O, S and N atoms.

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